

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

AMATEUR - a Field Trial stake similar to the Open stake. However, it is restricted to dogs handled by amateurs and points earned here are toward the AFC title.

BACK - a command from the handler to the dog in an attempt to cast the dog farther out, away from the starting point.

BLIND - is the retrieving of a bird, for which the dog was not allowed to watch the fall.

BLIND - a structure used by the dog(s) that will run the test next, to conceal the test from the animal.

CALLBACKS - a list of dogs whom the judges wish to see in further competition.

CAPTAIN OF THE GUNS - the person who is responsible for the mechanics of the test that the judges have established.

CAST - a command from the handler to a dog in an attempt to direct the dog to the bird.

DERBY - a Field Trial stake for dogs less than 2 years of age. It usually involves only doubles.

DOUBLE - the marking of two birds shot in succession prior to the dog being sent to retrieve.

JUNIOR - the beginning level stake for the Hunting Retriever Tests. It contains only single marks and has no age specifications.

MARK - a fall of a bird which a dog watches.

MARSHALL - the individual who attempts to keep the judges happy by having all dogs ready to run when it is their turn.

MASTER - the highest level stake in the Hunting Retriever Tests. It involves double and triple retrieves in complex hunting conditions. Blinds are also involved in this level.

OPEN - the highest level stake in the Field Trials. Dogs compete in this stake to earn points toward the FC title. Because it is a higher level, points earned in this stake may also count toward the AFC title, if an amateur is handling the dog.

OVER - a command by the handler to the dog in an attempt to cast the dog to the side of its current position.

POPPER - a blank shotgun round for the simulation of a bird being shot.

PUPPY - a Field Trial stake for dogs less than 1 year of age. It is not a regular stake and is frequently not offered at licensed events.

QUALIFYING - a Field Trial stake for dogs that are sufficiently skilled to accomplish complex retrieving but have not yet qualified for the highest level stakes (Open and Amateur).

SENIOR - the intermediate level stake in the Hunting Retriever Tests. This stake involves double marks and blind retrieves in moderately difficult hunting conditions.

2017 Event Dates

Licensed Trials:

Spring - May 5 - 7

Fall - September 22 - 24

Licensed Hunting Retriever Test:

June: 9 - 11

August 18 - 20

Club Training Days: 8:30 am:

April 22

May 20th (tentative)

September 9th. (Tentative)

Annual Meeting and Banquet

Feb 18, 6:00 pm Farmer Browns

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Founded in 1900, the Missouri Valley Hunt Club is located in Western Douglas County, south of Valley, NE, on West Maple Road (County Road 29).

The club owns 40 acres of prime training land, with three small sandpit ponds. The ponds are supported by a 6-inch well throughout the hot summer months, giving member's water for training.

The phrase 'hunt club' is somewhat of a misnomer. The club is organized for the benefit of retrievers and their owners. It promotes the benefits of a well-trained hunting companion through competitive events. It has been home to many successful trainers and high-powered dogs. If you have ever wondered what a well-trained dog can do, just stop out during one of the club sponsored events.

CLUB AND LICENSED FIELD TRIALS AND HUNTING RETRIEVER TESTS

The MVHC sponsors several events throughout the year. There are club training days, licensed trials and hunt tests and annual awards banquet and meeting.

The annual meeting and awards banquet is held in February of each year.

The club training days are in April, May and September and offer an opportunity for dogs and handlers of all levels to train in a competition format.

The club holds two licensed field trials each year: one at the beginning of May and the other near the end of September. Points accumulated by placing in licensed events count toward the AKC Field Trial champion (FC) and Amateur Field Trial Champion (AFC) titles. Our licensed events bring in competitors from around the country and are quite competitive. Club members are required to work a minimum of two of the six days these events are held.

The club holds two licensed Hunting Retriever Test each year, one in June and the other in August. Dogs competing in this event earn qualifying scores toward their Junior Hunter (JH), Senior Hunter (SH), and Master Hunter (MH) titles. Club members are strongly urged to help at these events.

The Missouri Valley Hunt Club is a not-for-profit organization, registered with the State of Nebraska and the IRS. The annual club dues serve to offset part of the cost of taxes, insurance, and maintenance on the club grounds. The preponderance of these costs is paid by the club's ability to use club members for volunteer help and generate a profit from the events it sponsors. The club is seeking to save for the acquisition of additional grounds so that it is more self-sufficient.

Membership in the club affords the opportunity to use the club grounds for training you own dog. With the exception to the three days immediately preceding each of the licensed events, the grounds are available for club member use. Use is on a first-come basis but most members are thankful for additional hands during training sessions. Joining with other members can assist you in achieving better results by discussing problems and sharing ideas on how to resolve them.

Dues for membership in the MVHC have been set at \$200 for the current year. They are payable on a calendar year basis. To apply for membership, contact the club treasurer for a membership application or go on-line:

Missouri Valley Hunt Club
C/o Monte Wulf
1112 Westridge Drive
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Upon receipt of the membership application and annual dues, the Board of Trustees will review the application for eligibility. A key and membership information will be forward to those whose applications meet all requirements.